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HEALTH PROFILES FOR PENNSYLVANIA COUNTIES

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The Pennsylvania Department of Health has a legislative mandate to "protect the health of the people of the Commonwealth and to determine the most efficient and practical means for the prevention and suppression of disease." In order to advance toward these goals, we need statistical information on the health status of the population, the health care delivery system, and demographic and population characteristics.

The first health profiles were published in 1977 to provide a compendium of health data. These profiles have been updated and revised biennially, starting in 1978, to better meet the needs of governmental leaders, health program specialists, state and local planners, and concerned citizens.

The Health Profiles for Pennsylvania Counties are a series of 68 individual profiles - one for each county and one for the Commonwealth. The most recent information available was used. The year which the data represents is included in the profiles following each data item. Estimated population figures for 1984 are used throughout the profiles for the listed population as well as in the computation of all rates.

The major data source is the State Health Data Center, Pennsylvania Department of Health - specifically the Vital Statistics Cooperative Program, the Annual Hospital and Long Term Care Questionnaires, the Uniform Data Collection System for drug and alcohol information and the Developmental Disabilities Facility Questionnaire as funded by the Developmental Disabilities Planning Council. Additional sources include other units of the Department, (i.e. the Bureaus of Quality Assurance, Epidemiology and Disease Prevention, and Special Public Health Services), Pennsylvania State Data Center, Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, Pennsylvania Office of Employment Security and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

The profiles will continue to be updated biennially, with the next edition available in 1988. Comments and suggestions for improvement are welcome. If there are any questions or if additional information is needed, please contact the State Health Data Center, Pennsylvania Department of Health, P.O. Box 90, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17108, telephone number (717) 783-2548.

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

1. DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

Total Land Area in Square Miles	184	Median Age of Population (1980)	32.4
Estimated Population (1984)	551,397	% Population Urban (1980)	97.1
Population per Square Mile (1984)	2,997	Per Capita Personal Income (1983)	$13,984
% Population Change 1980 to 1984	- 0.7	% of Population Receiving Cash Assistance (1985)	4.0
Projected Population (1990)	547,528	% of Labor Force Unemployed-Annual Average (1985)	5.5
% Population Change 1980 to 1990	- 1.3	% of Pop. Eligible for Medical Assistance (1985)	6.2

Estimated Population by Age and Sex (1984)

AGE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	AGE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE
ALL AGES	551,397	262,815	288,582	35-44	64,820	30,904	33,916
0-4	37,771	19,448	18,323	45-54	54,732	25,345	29,387
5-14	67,508	34,590	32,918	55-64	66,090	30,302	35,789
15-24	94,458	48,719	45,739	65+	77,221	29,422	47,799
25-34	88,797	44,085	44,712				

2. MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES (1984)

Number of Marriages	5,398	Number of Divorces	1,348
Rate per 1,000 Population	9.8	Rate per 1,000 Population	2.4
Median Age of Bride	26	Median Age of Wife	34
Median Age of Groom	28	Median Age of Husband	36

3. NATALITY (1984)

Number of Resident Births	7,892
Rate per 1,000 Population	14.3
Median Age of Mother	27
% Low Birth Weight (<2500 grams)	6.2

Resident Births by Age of Mother, Number and Percent (1984)

AGE	NUMBER	PERCENT	AGE	NUMBER	PERCENT
ALL AGES	7,892	100.0	30-34	1,932	24.5
UNDER 15	15	0.2	35-39	473	6.0
15-19	679	8.6	40-44	56	0.7
20-24	1,866	23.6	45+	3	0.0
25-29	2,867	36.4	UNKNOWN	1	0.0

4. MORBIDITY (1985)

Incidence of Notifiable Diseases

Gonorrhea	1,142	Meningitis: Aseptic	8	Salmonellosis	105
Hepatitis: Type A	72	Meningitis: Meningococcal	4	Shigellosis	19
Hepatitis: Type B	68	Mumps	3	Syphilis	10
Hepatitis: Unspecified	2	Rubella	1	Tuberculosis	33
Hepatitis: Non-A/Non-B	1				

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS (Continued)

5. MORTALITY (1984)

Number of Resident Deaths	5,685	Number of Resident Infant Deaths	82
Crude Rate per 1,000 Population	10.3	Rate per 1,000 Live Births	10.4
Median Age at Death	75.1	Number of Fatalities in Motor Vehicle Accidents in Which Driver Had Been Drinking	19

Leading Causes of Death by Age Group, Number and Percent (1984)

All Ages			Under 5 Years of Age			5-24 Years of Age		
Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent
Heart Disease	2,187	38.5	Perinatal Conditions	48	51.1	Accidents, All Forms	17	23.9
Cancer	1,364	24.0	Congenital Anomalies	20	21.3	Suicide	12	16.9
Cerebrovascular Disease	413	7.3	Heart Disease	2	2.1	Cancer	7	9.9
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	212	3.7	Homicide	2	2.1	Homicide	5	7.0
Pneumonia and Influenza	157	2.8				Congenital Anomalies	4	5.6
All Other	1,352	23.8	All Other	22	23.4	All Other	26	36.6
TOTAL	5,685	100.0	TOTAL	94	100.0	TOTAL	71	100.0

25-44 Years of Age			45-64 Years of Age			65 Years of Age and Over		
Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent
Cancer	32	17.6	Cancer	439	38.1	Heart Disease	1,770	42.3
Heart Disease	27	14.8	Heart Disease	385	33.4	Cancer	886	21.2
Accidents, All Forms	23	12.6	Cerebrovascular Disease	47	4.1	Cerebrovascular Disease	358	8.6
Suicide	23	12.6	Liver Disease and Cirrhosis	41	3.6	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	174	4.2
			Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	36	3.1	Pneumonia and Influenza	147	3.5
All Other	77	42.3	All Other	204	17.7	All Other	851	20.3
TOTAL	182	100.0	TOTAL	1,152	100.0	TOTAL	4,186	100.0

HEALTH SERVICES AND FACILITIES

1. HOSPITALS (1985)

Number of Hospitals by Type:

Total	General Acute Care	Psychiatric	Rehabilitation	Federal	Other
9	8	1	0	0	0

Number of General Hospitals with the Following Ambulatory Care Services/Facilities:

Community Mental Health Center	1	Structured Clinics	5	Emergency Services Capability:			
Home Health Service	5	Family Practice Center	1	Limited	0	General	6
				Basic	0	Comprehensive	2

Number of General/Specialty Hospitals with Neonatal Units:

Well Infant Nursery	6	Neonatal Intermediate Care Unit	4	Neonatal Intensive Care Unit	0

General Hospitals:

	Number	Number per 1,000 Pop.
Beds Set Up & Staffed	2,002	3.6
Admissions	71,052	128.9

Specialty and Federal Hospitals:

	Number	Number per 1,000 Pop.
Beds Set Up & Staffed	335	0.6
Admissions	484	0.9

Average General Hospital Semi-Private Daily Room Rate $289

HEALTH SERVICES AND FACILITIES (Continued)

2. NURSING HOMES (1984)

Licensed/Approved Facilities by Level of Care and Certification

Type of Facility	Total	Certified-Medicare	Certified-Medicaid
Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF)	18	11	11
Intermediate Care Facility (ICF)	2	0	2
SNF/ICF Combined Facility	10	9	10
TOTAL	30	20	23

Level of Care	Number of Licensed/ Approved Beds	Number per 1,000 Population Aged 65 and Over
Skilled	3,313	42.9
Intermediate	1,229	15.9
Total (SNF + ICF)	4,542	58.8

Median Age of Residents in Long Term Care Facilities 83.0

Median Semi-Private Daily Room Rate
Skilled $60
Intermediate $59

3. OTHER HEALTH SERVICES/FACILITIES

a. Drug and Alcohol Treatment (1985)

Admissions to State Supported Drug and Alcohol Treatment Facilities

Number of Facilities	Total Admissions	Primary Diagnosis: Drug Abuse	Primary Diagnosis: Alcohol Abuse	Primary Diagnosis: Other*	Percent First Admissions
15	2,709	743	1,765	201	46.1

Number of State Supported Drug and Alcohol Treatment Facilities Providing Specified Services

Inpatient Non-Hospital	Inpatient Hospital	Correctional Institution	Partial Hospitalization	Outpatient	Shelter
3	3	0	1	8	0

*Includes family members receiving counseling.

b. Emergency Health Services (1985)

Certified Emergency Medical Technicians	1,173	Certified Paramedics I	70
Ambulance Providers	39	Certified Paramedics II	83

c. Agencies/Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled (1983)

Total Number of Agencies/Facilities 19

Total Serving the Following Disabilities:

Mental Retardation	15	Autism	10	Muscular Dystrophy	9
Cerebral Palsy	13	Learning Disabilities	12	Other	15
Epilepsy	10	Multiple Sclerosis	8		

d. Primary Health Care Centers (1985)

Number of Agencies 2

e. Licensed Boarding Homes (1985)

Number of Homes 20